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Applicants' election without traverse of Group I, claims 1 – 25 and 40, in Paper No. 7 is acknowledged. Claims 26 – 39 and 41 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

The Examiner notes that applicants have FAILED to elect a specie of the elected invention for prosecution on the merits, as required in Paragraph 6 of the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003 (Paper No. 6). Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits (i.e. one of species a – j) to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 – 3, 10 – 17, and 22 – 25 are generic. See Paragraph 6 of the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003 (Paper No. 6) for the complete specie restriction requirement, including applicants burden to indicate which claims read on the elected specie.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M Bernatz whose telephone number is (703) 308-1737. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Thibodeau can be reached on (703) 308-2367. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

Since the above-mentioned response appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE

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